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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (183A-8533)  
 (ATTN: SSA [REDACTED])

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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (183A-1419) (P)

SUBJECT: LIBERATUS  
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Re: WFO teletype to Bureau, dated 9/12/87.

For the information of the Bureau, the WINTER HILL GANG of Boston is not a formal organization. Rather, it is a group of criminals, loosely affiliated by ethnic similarity (Irish), geographic closeness, and personal knowledge of each other. This group of criminals have been involved in a wide variety of crimes - narcotics, gambling, loansharking, murder, etc. Historically, they have been allowed to operate in certain geographic areas of the metropolitan Boston area, with the tolerance of the local LCN faction. The group acquired its name from the gang's primary area of operation and the location where many of these criminals generally came from - the Winter Hill Section of Somerville, Ma.

The group is comprised of fragmented factions of criminals associated with each other. They commit crimes as individuals or in various groups, due to varying associations. Investigative responsibility for this criminal group rests in the Boston Division C-2 Squad, which handles non-traditional organized crime groups and narcotics matters. Elements of the WINTER HILL GANG have been worked reactively by the Boston Division, over the years, due to other investigative priorities within the division. ma

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Boston Division investigation has not documented any control or influence by this group over ~~INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 25~~. Some WINTER HILL GANG members or associates of this gang have been, or are, members of LOCAL 25. Thus, there are various associations between some Teamster members and individuals involved with the WINTER HILL GANG; but no control of this union by the WINTER HILL GROUP has ever been identified. Boston Division references on WINTER HILL GANG members and associates are voluminous, making a full review of these files a momentous task.

LOCAL 25 has approximately 12,000 to 13,000 members in the greater Boston area. It is conceivable that this or any large Local would have members who have been convicted of felonies.

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Above referenced communication requests information on [redacted] Boston Division files contain a great deal of information regarding [redacted] A general review of references and files pertaining to [redacted] discloses the following information:

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Boston Division continues research into various associations of WINTER HILL GANG members with LOCAL 25 Teamsters or felons associated with LOCAL 25, by a general review of Boston references and files. Due to the magnitude of WINTER HILL GANG members' criminal involvements in the Boston area, this is an exhaustive and time consuming task. Boston Division will provide FBIHQ Liberatus Task Force, with additional information on significant individuals who fall into these categories of interest. Boston Division continues to handle various requests of Liberatus Task Force.